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1. A large power station is being constructed at Janiskoski to work in conjunction with the nickel mines. It is believed, however, that there is more in this construction work than meets the eye. The Finnish workers on the site are not permitted inside a kind of defense area which has been set up; the work which is done inside this area is carried out by Soviet workers and only at night.
2. A considerable amount of building is going on in the harbor district of Petsamo; explosions can be heard and flashes can be seen lighting up the site. It is further reported that much of this work is being done by slave-labor consisting of Finnish officers arrested by the Russians; one estimate mentioned a figure of 2,000 of these officers being at work along the coast.
3. The Russians have made no attempt to camouflage the nickel works at Salmijarvi, which are big white concrete buildings clearly visible from the Norwegian side of the frontier.
4. There is now very heavy truck traffic along the road which the Germans christened "Nickelstrasse", running from the nickel works at Salmijarvi to the north towards the sea and Petsamo.

Salmijarvi: 69°26'N, 30°07'E

Janiskoski: unlocated

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